

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (New) A radio communication method of a mobile station used for a radio communication system employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the radio communication method comprising:

receiving code information by message, said code information for switching a first code being used to a second code,

receiving timing information by message, said timing information including an integer representing a frame at which the first code is switched to the second code, and

switching the first code to the second code based on the code information and the timing information received, said step of switching performed in synchronization with switching the first code to the second code at one of a plurality of base stations, wherein

the timing information is used to synchronize the switching at the mobile station with the switching at the one of the plurality of base stations.

4. (New) A radio communication method of mobile station used for a radio communication system employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for ratio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the radio communication method comprising:

receiving code information by message, said code information for switching a first code being used to a second code,

receiving timing information by message, said timing information regarding timing of

switching the first code to the second code, and

switching the first code to the second code based on the code information and the timing information received, said step of switching performed in synchronization with switching the first code to the second code at one of a plurality of base stations, wherein

the timing information is used to synchronize the switching at the mobile station with the switching at the one of the plurality of base stations.

5. (New) A mobile station used for a radio communication system employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for ratio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the mobile station comprising:

a switching unit configured to receive code information by message, said code information for switching a first code being used to a second code, said switching unit further configured to receive timing information by message, said timing information including an integer representing a frame at which the first code is switched to the second code, said switching unit further configured to switch the first code to the second code based on the code information and the timing information received and in synchronization with a switching the first code to the second code at one of a plurality of base stations, wherein

the timing information is used to synchronize switching at the mobile station with switching at the one of the plurality of base stations.

6. (New) A mobile station used for a radio communication system employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for ratio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the mobile station comprising

a switching unit configured to receive code information by message, said code information for switching a first code being used to a second code, said switching unit further

configured to receive timing information by message, said timing information regarding timing of switching the first code to the second code, said switching unit further configured to switch the first code to the second code based on the code information and the timing information received and in synchronization with a switching the first code to the second code at one of a plurality of base stations, wherein

the timing information is used to synchronize switching at the mobile station with switching at the one of the plurality of base stations.